

What is claimed is:

1. A plant package comprising:

a sleeve formed of a flexible polymeric material having at least a portion of one surface thereof modified to provide the sleeve formed therefrom with a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof, the sleeve having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface and an inner retaining space; a flower pot having an upper end and an outer peripheral surface; and wherein the flower pot is disposed in the inner retaining space of the sleeve whereby the sleeve substantially surrounds the outer peripheral surface of the flower pot and provides a decorative cover for the flower pot wherein the decorative cover has the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

2. The plant package of claim 1 wherein the flexible polymeric material has a thickness in a range of from about 0.1 mil to about 30 mil.

3. The plant package of claim 1 wherein the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth is provided on at least a portion of one

surface of the flexible polymeric material by at least one of printing, embossing, flocking, applying a foamable lacquer, applying a foamable ink, applying a matting lacquer, applying a matted ink, and combinations thereof.

4. The plant package of claim 3 wherein the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth is provided by a printed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one surface of the flexible polymeric material and an embossed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one surface of the flexible polymeric material.
5. The plant package of claim 4 wherein the printed and embossed patterns are in registry with one another.
6. The plant package of claim 4 wherein the printed and embossed patterns are out of registry with one another.
7. The plant package of claim 4 wherein at least a portion of the printed pattern is in registry with the embossed pattern, and at least a portion of the printed pattern is out of registry with the embossed pattern.
8. The plant package of claim 1 wherein the lower end of the sleeve is closed.

9. The plant package of claim 8 wherein the lower end of the sleeve is provided with a gusset formed therein.

10. A plant package comprising:

a sleeve formed of an expanded core polymeric film having at least a portion of one surface thereof modified to provide the sleeve formed therefrom with a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth, the sleeve having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface and an inner retaining space;

a flower pot having an upper end and an outer peripheral surface; and wherein the flower pot is disposed in the inner retaining space of the sleeve whereby the sleeve substantially surrounds the outer peripheral surface of the flower pot and provides the decorative cover for the flower pot wherein the decorative cover has a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

11. The plant package of claim 10 wherein the expanded core polymeric film has a thickness in a range of from about 0.1 mil to about 30 mil.

12. The plant package of claim 10 wherein the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth is provided on at least a portion of one surface of the expanded core polymeric film by at least one of printing, embossing, flocking, applying a foamable lacquer, applying a foamable ink, applying a matting lacquer, applying a matted ink, and combinations thereof.

13. The plant package of claim 12 wherein the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth is provided by a printed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one surface of the expanded core polymeric film and an embossed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one surface of the expanded core polymeric film.

14. The plant package of claim 13 wherein the printed and embossed patterns are in registry with one another.

15. The plant package of claim 13 wherein the printed and embossed patterns are out of registry with one another.

16. The plant package of claim 13 wherein at least a portion of the printed pattern is in registry with the embossed pattern, and at least a portion of the printed pattern is out of registry with the embossed pattern.

17. The plant package of claim 10 wherein the lower end of the sleeve is closed.

18. The plant package of claim 17 wherein the lower end of the sleeve is provided with a gusset formed therein.

19. A decorative cover for a flower pot, wherein the decorative cover is provided with a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof, the decorative cover comprising:

a sleeve formed of a flexible polymeric material having at least a portion of one surface thereof modified to provide the sleeve formed therefrom with a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof, the sleeve having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface and an inner retaining space, wherein a flower pot may be disposed in the inner retaining space of the sleeve such that the sleeve substantially surrounds an outer peripheral surface of the flower pot and provides a decorative cover for the flower pot wherein the decorative cover has the texture or

appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

20. The decorative cover of claim 19 wherein the flexible polymeric material has a thickness in a range of from about 0.1 mil to about 30 mil.

21. The decorative cover of claim 19 wherein the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth is provided on at least a portion of one surface of the flexible polymeric material by at least one of printing, embossing, flocking, applying a foamable lacquer, applying a foamable ink, applying a matting lacquer, applying a matted ink, and combinations thereof.

22. The decorative cover of claim 21 wherein the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth is provided by a printed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one surface of the flexible polymeric material and an embossed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one surface of the flexible polymeric material.

23. The decorative cover of claim 22 wherein the printed and embossed patterns are in registry with one another.

24. The decorative cover of claim 22 wherein the printed and embossed patterns are out of registry with one another.

25. The decorative cover of claim 22 wherein at least a portion of the printed pattern is in registry with the embossed pattern, and at least a portion of the printed pattern is out of registry with the embossed pattern.

26. The decorative cover of claim 19 wherein the lower end of the sleeve is closed.

27. The decorative cover of claim 26 wherein the lower end of the sleeve is provided with a gusset formed therein.

28. A decorative cover for a flower pot, wherein the decorative cover is provided with a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof, the decorative cover comprising:

a sleeve formed of an expanded core polymeric film having at least a portion of one surface thereof modified to provide the sleeve formed therefrom with a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth, the sleeve having an upper end, a

lower end, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface and an inner retaining space, wherein a flower pot may be disposed in the inner retaining space of the sleeve whereby the sleeve substantially surrounds an outer peripheral surface of the flower pot and provides the decorative cover for the flower pot wherein the decorative cover has a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth on at least a portion of one surface thereof.

29. The decorative cover of claim 28 wherein the expanded core polymeric film has a thickness in a range of from about 0.1 mil to about 30 mil.

30. The decorative cover of claim 28 wherein the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth is provided on at least a portion of one surface of the expanded core polymeric film by at least one of printing, embossing, flocking, applying a foamable lacquer, applying a foamable ink, applying a matting lacquer, applying a matted ink, and combinations thereof.

31. The decorative cover of claim 30 wherein the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth is provided by a printed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one surface of the expanded core polymeric

film and an embossed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one surface of the expanded core polymeric film.

32. The decorative cover of claim 31 wherein the printed and embossed patterns are in registry with one another.

33. The decorative cover of claim 31 wherein the printed and embossed patterns are out of registry with one another.

34. The decorative cover of claim 31 wherein at least a portion of the printed pattern is in registry with the embossed pattern, and at least a portion of the printed pattern is out of registry with the embossed pattern.

35. The decorative cover of claim 28 wherein the lower end of the sleeve is closed.

36. The decorative cover of claim 35 wherein the lower end of the sleeve is provided with a gusset formed therein.